

Riverside County Transportation Commission's Comments on Draft 2016 CTP Guidelines

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1. Page 5, top paragraph – There should be additional language stating that MPOs and RTPAs also receive federal funds to implement transportation improvements on the multimodal transportation system, not just planning funds.
2. Page 6 – The RTP/SCS also considers the use of alternative fuels, new vehicle technology, tailpipe emission reductions, and the expansion of public transit, commuter rail, intercity rail, bicycling, and walking, which would be appropriate to mention in this paragraph.
3. Page 7, Modeling, under RTP with SB 375 – should also include “scenario planning models” and the use of EMFAC modeling.
4. Page 7, Applicable Sectors, under RTP with SB 375 – should read: “All – Automobiles, trucks and freight (air and port)”. It currently lists “Automobile and light truck”, which is incorrect.
5. Page 16, top paragraph – The word “mobility” is included on the previous page and should also be reflected in the first sentence. Also, same sentence replace “fight against” with “**in addressing** climate change”. Suggest rewording sentence to: “The CTP should integrate these plans.....capable of meeting accessibility **and mobility**, safety, sustainability, and economic objectives **in addressing** climate change.”
6. Page 18, first bullet, second sentence – Since the CTP is unconstrained it doesn't seem logical to include CTP recommendations in future State modal plans and related planning, program and investment activities unless specifically provided as guidance. Recommend rewording to: "They should be **used as guidance in the development of** future State modal plans...."
7. Page 18, under “Plan Integration” – Paragraph states that the CTP “helps tie together several internal and external inter-related plans and programs to help define and plan transportation in California.” However, the last sentence in the paragraph states that the CTP “integrates and builds upon the Caltrans’ Modal Plans and the RTPs from around the State.” “Tie together” and “build upon” are two different actions. Recommend omitting “build upon” as the document serves as guidance as clearly stated in the Introduction on page 4 and on several other pages throughout the document.
8. Page 19, under Regional Transportation Plans, first paragraph, last sentence – Recommend omitting “build upon” per above comment.
9. Page 19, last paragraph, second sentence – Revise to: “This shift reflects the regions’, and sustainability objectives **that meet GHG targets established by ARB** through integrated investment and more efficient use of land.”
10. Page 21, under Economic Forecast and Analysis, second paragraph, first sentence – Revise to: “Moving forward, the economic impact assessment for future CTPs should continue to evolve **considering** Caltrans’ Mission and Vision, **adopted RTPs/SCSs**, and the state of economic modeling capabilities”.
11. Page 30, under TAC, first sentence – Include at the end of the first sentence: “The TAC should include...and GHG reduction targets **in addition to meeting federal air quality standards.**”